

Remarks

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement, and consideration and allowance of all pending claims, are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-31 and 33 are pending in the application, with Claim 1 being the independent claim. Claim 32 is sought to be cancelled without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. Claims 6-31 and 33 are sought to be amended. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the amendments to the noted claims, and all of the now pending claims, fall within Applicants' election as set forth above, as all of the claims depend directly or indirectly from independent Claim 1.

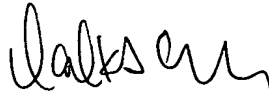
Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Reply to Restriction Requirement and Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that

personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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